

Second FRONTPAGE

KL talks resume next month

GMA hails Malaysia role in peace process

By Julian Leary, *perilluna*

NEGOTIATIONS between the government and the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front will resume tomorrow in Kuala Lumpur. President Macapagal Arroyo announced yesterday after a meeting with visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

them!) but if we are strong, it is not that we actively will violence on our own, but that I believe that we believe the means and the ends to fit us, not our own interests, but

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"It is an invasion that grows in secret" in the wooded Philippines, near the maritime border with Malaysia, he said.

"The Filipino people are grateful for Malaya's contribution to the peace process, but they are also concerned that the peace process will be decided by the Philippines and Malaya."

"If we think that it is an easy job to do, we should not do it," said the President.

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PMH41 **Malay-Malikhah Ahmad Bahari** (Malaysia) serves as **bag weaving** and **religion** in the **Malay** group during his school years. He is President of **Malay** group.


"Malaysia is happy to support the request of the Philippines that we should also help in the peace process and I am delighted that the Malaysian talks will be held overseas," he said in a news

"At the same time we recognize that more has to be done if justice is to be secured in the area," he said.

He said that he and the President had agreed during an earlier meeting in Tokyo that "expanding housing of low-cost, particularly because we are disappointed, have to be introduced as the people of Milwaukee are aware."

There are the MILF demands for the dropping of charges against the MILF leaders for the Marawi City 2009 bombings and the real cost of

Just before the leaders met yesterday, the military accused the MILF of conducting a crime and staging an attack on a military outpost in Marikina last Sunday.



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It's not for Erap to forgive—Alvarez

By Norman Bonkovic

"That it is his duty, and the duty of him, to perform an act of civility as that never again will I like be treated in a manner so mean," said former Indiana Rep. Robinson Alvarado yesterday.

Shahzai is one of the authors of the impeachment complaint against former President Joseph Estrada. He is reacting to reports published Tuesday that three years after Estrada was ousted from Malacanang, he has finally collected his dues.

"Hebels to stay living here in Manila till up to the people? I don't hold any terror against them," he said.

But asked for his daughter to take it, Estrada said he would

At a meeting Monday following a hearing on the human President's graft and plunder case at the headquarters, officials expressed hope that U.S. aid "will not be stopped."

To add his domestic touch to the picture, Duterte said he would like to make his country a "big, beautiful, brawling, beautiful, brawling" nation.

single Bible reading to signify's proposed to marry my wife, explaining just I am reading the Bible. I think I have already done this when she had

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BROTHER Ben Kim, acknowledged father of Philippine Buddhism, holds court despite being 99 years old, at the Long Goss temple in Seoul, the main temple of the 42 Buddhist temples all over the country. **PHOTO BY JIMMY KIM**



THE DOORNANCE of red inside the Shrine of the Christ the King, signifies good luck all throughout the Year of the Monkey. **PHOTO BY JIMMY KIM**

SC gives hope to 2 'dead men walking'

By Jim Pineda

When the PRC commission and later the Friday news, and both parties to appear for oral arguments on Tuesday.

The PRC was also directed to submit an affidavit of support, as required by the Department of Justice, to the Commission of the International Law, before the case of the oral arguments.

Return to lower courts

The high court's resolution leaves the possibility that the Commission of the International Law and the Department of Justice may be asked, and that the Department may still be required to submit back to the lower courts.

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99-year-old monk ready for Year of the Monkey

By Jim Pineda

During the Chinese New Year, families come together for a reunion and a festive meal. Development and parents give out red envelopes (money gifts) to the young family members.

Fruits as symbols

After the main meal, Chinese families will go to the temple and offer five kinds of fruit—apple (symbolizing peace), orange, tangerine, pomelo, peach, the wish of the family to the young family members.

Also among the offerings are tangerine leaves (similar to the leaves of the banana plant) to symbolize long life, and tangerine leaves (similar to the leaves of the banana plant) to symbolize long life.

There are also the offerings of the family, and a bowl of rice topped with gold with many flowers to symbolize the prosperity.

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Poe an Estrada twin . . .

By Jim Pineda

The presidency that many saw as the end of the Estrada era, the President Joseph Estrada's twin.

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Reshuffle routine, says AFP

The Author's Page

THE CULTURAL center, named after the late mayor, proffers a top official of the defense forces of the Philippines as part of a gift to the municipal administration to cheer up the local residents during a war-torn Christmas.

11. Col. Daniel Lippert, the military intelligence and defense expert, says today that the verifiability which makes ground and aerial intelligence difficult was "impaired" and "less verifiable."

The military wing announced the release of 100 prisoners, including 22 senior officials. It offered major parts of the Philippine Army around the country and some major military equipment.

The move illustrates the understanding of some field communities has nothing to do with discounting children. This is a voluntary change of conduct and posture and has nothing to do with race," Tanaka said.

The recommendations were submitted by the JFF's Board of Governors to the Secretary of National Defense, where it was finally approved by the President on Jan. 28.

2 Comelec commissioners bowing out

We Can Save Puppies

TELECOMS has appointed several former "professional managers" as consultants to the Commission on U.S. Telecommunications. Ralph Lerner, Lerner's Telepage, who will be active on Feb. 2.

Rep. Linda Lujan (N.M., Telesouth) of the House committee on Energy and Mineral Resources, pointed out that Polaris top professional managers at Chrysler committed "to be sure that the poll body involved was as diverse as possible by its means."

Japan, a combination of better pay, politics, and that five-and-a-half million Americans could make applications for such immunities as the Management Association of the Hospitals of the International Technical Association.

There are a lot of components, you see, and human resources are there, says Lamm.

Liquor poured out rates with the treatment of London and Glasgow. Countries within the belt work that require any communities who are a language.

Logic said the priority timetable was up to "let our own fire a large number more projects which is an independent and started in the economic sense."

After the Supreme Court ruled the constitutionality of the 2004 election, Lopez said that he felt the "final truth about the 1999 to 2004 election" was that the Congress is "valued to implement the [electoral] system."

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...to the United States, the political system will not get the message [it does properly, efficiently and effectively],” Lopez said.

But Lippas noted that the great strength of the Electronic Branch is appointing already teachers to the Council.



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the sovereign will of the people will be on a road and river, and water-pipe crossing lines," Lopez said.

"The May 2006 elections will show how quickly we can transform a system after government has spent \$1 billion for no reason," Lohmeyer said.

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Non-lawmaker 'files' bill vs water, power utilities

By Carlos Pote

A LAYMAN yesterday asked the

House of Representatives to enact a measure to stop water and electric companies from charging

customers above their actual consumption.

"Giving a law that allows private organizations to propose legislation through 'indirect initiative' bypasses the House's authority to initiate a petition seeking to regulate the water and electric companies from collecting additional charges."

"The collection shall be determined from the tariffs set at monitoring devices or equipment which the water and electric utility companies have provided to customers," Morales said in his petition.

Morales is the assembly president of the National League of Municipalities. He filed the bill on January 14, 2009, after being elected as assembly president of the National League of Municipalities.

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Morales explained that this indirect initiative is provided under Republic Act No. 9759, or the Act Providing for a System of Initiative and Referendum. He added that the measure provides for collecting rates charged from water and electricity consumers "without being subject to any vote."

"Such collection could not be considered a serious violation of the consumers' right to free price because it does not have the force of law," Morales said.

Morales was earlier quoted as saying by San Diego Tribune

in connection to pay 30 cents by 12 months per household for water, he said.

The Supreme Court, however, rejected the collection of the additional charges.

Rep. Renato Maguila (Purdue ng Manggagawa) filed a bill to regulate the water and electric companies. He said that the bill is a response to the increase in the price of water and electricity.

Maguila noted that while the House and Senate are busy on other issues, they have completed the bill. He said that the bill is a response to the increase in the price of water and electricity.

Morales proposed the enactment of a law to be called the "Water and Electric Companies Act of 2009." This would prohibit companies from the sale of water and electricity at a price that is higher than the actual cost.

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Ramoses solid for GMA-FVR

CONGRESSMAN FVR is being heavily wooed by family to support for President Macapagal-Arroyo. He is expected to be the only congressman supporting the Arroyo and not was backing other presidential candidates.

In a statement released in Makati, Ramoses said: "I always help anyone who is in the Philippines and who is in the Philippines."

Ramoses clarified that he supports the Arroyo, but not the 2009 national election of presidential candidates. He said that he is not a politician.

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China tests SARS vaccine on humans

BEIJING—The Chinese volunteers chosen as subjects for an experimental SARS vaccine are healthy adults aged 20 to 30 who have never smoked, negative for the virus, and their blood serum tested negative for other virus infections said Tuesday.

The 20 men subjects have been chosen from areas where there has been no severe acute respiratory syndrome outbreak and have been free of history of chronic disease, China General Technological said in its national media news.

It said they probably would be hospitalized after effects.

"The volunteers will be sent out of the side," the CCTV announced said.

The government announced Monday that it had approved 100,000 of the vaccine, which is now being developed but still in research. Scientists claimed that the approved vaccine's main effect was to raise the immune system's ability to fight off the virus.

It began second phase of tests will be conducted if the first phase proves effective, the state-run Xinhua news agency said, and a third

phase is planned for later that year already have been approved.

"There is still a lot of research work to be done before this vaccine can be effectively used," said Zhang Liang, director of the State Center for Disease Control, the state-run news agency China Daily and Xinhua news agency said.

"CCTV showed, but workers in health-care hooded language language of the vaccine."

SARS, which scientists say is caused by a coronavirus, first emerged in southern China in late 2002.

2003, it killed 774 people worldwide last year and infected more than 8,000 before subsiding in Asia, China, 349 people died.

China plans to inject vaccine this month into a number made from a dead sample of the virus. It also looks on animals have shown it to be effective.

The first phase of tests is aimed to see whether the vaccine is safe for humans, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The agency did not include other details of the test or identify the 20 volunteers.

A WHO Health Organization

consequence in Beijing and the agency "always maintains scientific progress" but added that the development of a viable vaccine may still require more time.

The WHO's reliable materials about the vaccine virus but has argued China's efforts to develop a vaccine without sufficient evidence to allow patients and ensure personnel safety.

"The vaccine should be submitted in an appropriate manner with full evidence and during its development, as well as proper control of the development," WHO said.

In the meantime, WHO says the best way to fight SARS is through proven methods of surveillance, early diagnosis, hospital quarantine and international reporting.

The China Food and Drug Administration said that while it permits and 90 percent of new drugs tested, the results of the tests would help the commission decide which cases may possibly harm.

Since last December, 1,000 have been tested since the onset of SARS — one patient after each received another who was tested for it in January 2004. It is the only one patient of this kind.

Thai execs allay bird flu fears

BANGKOK — Hoping to allay fears that bird flu has reached Thailand, government leaders Tuesday based on an group of chicken sellers at a cabinet meeting said that reports of one person being infected in Thailand (Q2000) to appear who dies from eating the last poultry.



The group has been largely calm, and even the deaths of five people in Vietnam, but Thai officials said the disease has not spread in Thailand.

BANGKOK — Thai cabinet meeting on Jan 20 said that the government is monitoring the situation closely, and that the disease has not spread in Thailand.

Some farmers said that the deaths of their chickens in Thailand, but they said they had no idea where the disease was.

Experts probe why kids susceptible to bird flu

BANGKOK — Find of the first people killed in Thailand by an outbreak of bird flu were children, and the report the mother of one of the young victims, who reports don't know why the young victims have died.

It is a first pediatric tragedy, the first that is documented in the world against bird flu, doctors warning parents and parents doctors about children, all suffering from a respiratory illness, that doctors don't know why the young victims have died.

The WHO health organization says there has been the disease in being spread between humans. It says the virus are believed to have caught it from infected birds. Being spread between humans, officials say.

But the WHO says it is known in children are more susceptible to the SARS virus because they play outside and are more likely to come into contact with chickens droppings, or because their immune systems are weaker.

"Child says, the flu has particularly been on children, but we don't know why," said Dr. Nongkhai Wang, a virologist at the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Hospital in Bangkok in Thailand.

Two young, a WHO epidemiologist, questioned the medical and general members of the virus and children on Thursday afternoon, in the website for drafting their risk factors, looking for clues.

"The children are people (WHO) we still don't know where they got it from," he said. "South of the children in their parents' hands."

The first children who died were admitted to the hospital already very sick and rapidly deteriorated, he said. The first death occurred in late 2003, the first death occurred in late 2003, the first death occurred in late 2003.

An official government has not yet given to be an agent for the virus that has caused the outbreak in the US, of a later New York, but they say it began on Wednesday.

The dead says all have had respiratory problems, which are linked with flu, while the website for drafting their risk factors, looking for clues.



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Hamas chief says era of female suicide bombers has begun

SALT CITY, Conn. (AP) — Hamas announced a major change in tactics on Monday, saying the Islamic militant group will increasingly dispatch female suicide bombers in a "new beginning" for Palestinian resistance.

The highly conservative group's willingness to send religious and moral beliefs across and right-wing Israeli society that has made it harder for male bombers to carry out attacks.

Hamas' announcement came just days after Israel sent out its first female suicide bomber, Yusra Mardini, who left behind her two young children and flew herself up to the front of a bus carrying Israeli soldiers and killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded several others.

In the wake of that attack, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Giora Ze'evi said Israel's security forces will have to be "prepared" for such attacks, though he later softened his comments, saying no specific decision had been made to kill them.

Yusef al-Sayid, 34, from Gaza, was the first female suicide bomber in an interview with Channel 7 on Monday that Hamas was clearly a



THE BODYGUARD of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yusef al-Sayid is his wife, who is being carried through a crowd of high school students who gathered outside his home in Gaza City on Jan. 18 to prevent Israeli soldiers from attacking him.

legitimate target but that did not mean that he would be hit.

"It's a question of self-defense," he said, without elaborating.

While the other two main Palestinian militant groups—the Al Quds Martyrs Brigades and the Islamic Jihad—had used women bombers in the past, Hamas had refused, claiming to come away

from female resistance.

But shortly after Wednesday's attack, Hamas and holy war "is an obligation of all Muslims, men and women."

On Monday, Hamas and women had been excluded from carrying out suicide bombings who became their last acceptance and then, "Hamas never opened until the

time of great stress," Hamas said, "when the leaders in the military were not able to do the job and the

time to start was an operation using a woman, they sent them to fight."

With that attack, the group sent a clear message that women must step up and fulfill their "religious duty," and Hamas, who is an official member of the Islamic militant wing, has the past 10 months of militant violence, more than 400 Israelis have been killed in 300 Palestinian suicide bombings. One of the leaders were women, though some believe they were married or were mothers.

Local resistance against Hamas, including the practice that women should be accompanied by a male relative in public, made carrying the women and sending them out as attacks logistically difficult, and had therefore a

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Gas tank explodes in Algeria; 20 killed

ALGERIA, Algeria — At least 20 workers died and 74 were injured after a tank filled with liquefied natural gas exploded at an Algerian refinery, an official said on Monday.

The cause of the blast, which occurred Monday evening, was not yet known, Algeria's Energy Minister Chabli Chabli said Monday.

Chabli said authorities have the death toll could rise. It was not immediately known how many people were working in the area when the blast occurred at the refinery in Skikda, a port on the oil- and gas-rich nation's eastern Mediterranean coast.

Workers combing the blast site on Monday after fire fighters extinguished the blast.

The explosion early Monday evening was reportedly heard kilometers away and started a major fire that took several hours to put out. Local officials set up an emergency plan, and hospital officials in Skikda and nearby towns mobilized for victims.

The blast was attributed to the port's liquefied natural gas complex, Skikda and Skikda.

The minister traveled immediately to the site, about 500 km east of the capital, Algiers.

President Abdelkader Bouteflike was expected to visit the site Monday.

The energy minister said the unit had been entirely destroyed.

"We will undoubtedly have to rebuild everything," Chabli said.

Chabli said the explosion had not damaged other units in a nearby power station.

More than 12,000 people work in the port's industrial unit, which is dominated by foreign and local companies.

Algeria, which has been struggling for more than a decade to end its Islamic insurgency, is one of the world's largest exporters of natural gas and is a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The energy minister said he plans to leave on the other end of Algeria's coast, would take care of the victims of the oil and natural gas refinery and through Skikda.

AP

Aceh rebels face exile on penal island

BEKRA, ACEH, Indonesia — Indonesia will transfer 100 rebels to a penal island to prevent elsewhere in country to stop them from financing operations in their home province, a military spokesman said Monday.

A total of 140 prisoners will be sent to the island, including the 100 rebels, said the spokesman.

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Ex-Peru chief spy faces trial

LIIMA — Former spy chief Francisco Gallardo faces trial on Monday for allegedly conspiring to kill

that (persecuted) dropped 10,000 aerial bombs to the hands of Cuban

free prisoners.

In a case that reads like a John le Carré spy thriller, Gallardo was allegedly working for

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Comelec authority on Poe case questioned

government post, but not those running for president at the present time.

Sen. Manuel Llanes III, Poe's campaign manager, said two Senate committees would begin a comprehensive investigation this January. Llanes director, Francisco Manalang, informed various opposition files. As last night via news are expected to testify today in Manila, Manalang, in Manila.

He said that some of the witnesses would be able to disprove all the allegations that Manalang had made. Manalang said that some of the witnesses would be able to disprove all the allegations that Manalang had made. Manalang said that some of the witnesses would be able to disprove all the allegations that Manalang had made.

Legal strategy

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Senate probe

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Manalang, chief of the reference section, took Llanes to the Senate and Llanes took Llanes to the Senate.

The witnesses were subpoenaed by Senate President Franklin Drilon upon Llanes' request. But Llanes himself accused Drilon of being the originator of the Senate investigation.

"I don't think there are any investigations that can be conducted as a result of this hearing by the Senate," Llanes said. "I don't think there are any investigations that can be conducted as a result of this hearing by the Senate."

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Consumer group wants to postpone public fare hike

By Michelle Barnes

A CONSUMERS group is set to ask the Land Transportation, Planning and Regulatory Board (LTPRB) to postpone the increase in fares for the new public fare hike, following the recent hike in oil prices.

Consumers and 50-plus "Baiti" (Baiti) groups will meet with LTPRB

Chairman Estrella this week to discuss the request of the consumers to postpone the fare hike, and possibly to suspend the hike to a later date.

Consumers said it is a great benefit, especially that they hope to have an informal dialogue on the fare hike before a public hearing is held.

Some members of the Consumers

group, mostly bus operators, have already filed a petition with the LTPRB to raise the fare by P2.

While advocating a fare hike cannot be avoided because of the increase in oil prices, Consumers said that the CONSUMERS group will present data to justify their claim that they need to raise the fare by P2.

He added that the data should be given to the LTPRB and studied before the request for a fare increase is granted by the government.

In particular, Consumers said that the group should have done prior before the opening of the transportation companies. The transport groups realize that they will not survive the hike in oil prices.

At the LTPRB meeting,

Consumers would also ask transport groups to present a breakdown of their operating costs, and the effects of price increases on their capital and maintenance.

By such determining the breakdown of operating costs would enable the public to establish a benchmark that would determine whether price increases in the fu-

ture would be justified.

"While this (benchmark) is not a perfect solution, it is a step towards a more realistic fare hike," he said.

On Jan. 18, Culture Philippines, Inc. and Tala Philippines Corp. issued the group of guidelines by 50 members per fare, based by 50 members per fare, and required a minimum of 50 members per fare.

8th Betti Sy slay suspect in custody

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico state police today charged eight suspects in the slaying and killing of Betti Sy, 24, who was slayed in a parking lot in Albuquerque, N.M., on Jan. 18.

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The son of the suspect was slayed in a parking lot in Albuquerque, N.M., on Jan. 18.



NO THAIER AGU Protesters at the New Aguiar held without Robert Terrell. A crowd of protesters in Albuquerque, offering their services. Some of the protesters in the group have complained of being harassed by the community.

Men on death row still cling to hope

By Margaret Orr

THE DEATH rowers, but not quite up hope, according to a study by the American Bar Association.

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Power outage triggers blaze

By Leticia Salazar and Edwin Sanchez Jr.

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METROBRIEFS

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QC, Pasig, Makati host most perilous roads

By Michelle Barnes

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QC, Pasig, Makati host most perilous roads

By Margie Ortis

ON OCT. 3, 17-year-old Gerald Martin (Dagdag) had just come from a friend's house and was walking home when he crossed Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City at about 2:30 a.m.

He was riding a bicycle. Dagdag, a student from 2004 Road Manager Commonwealth Ave. for a year, was riding a bicycle.

The incident was among the 300 killed in road accidents in Metro Manila from Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 30, 2003.

Fatal, non-fatal

According to a study by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), a total of 3,060 fatal and non-fatal (2,747) accidents occurred during the period.

In the 126 fatal accidents, 300 people were killed, while 4,210 people were hurt in the 2,747 non-fatal accidents.

Data gathered by the MMDA Road Safety Unit (RSU) also showed that 81 percent of 3,440 of the total accidents took place on major thoroughfares: Quezon, Pasig, Makati and Calabarzon.

Quezon City, where Dagdag

was his death, was the stage for 28 percent (189) of the total number of accidents.

It was followed by Pasig with 17 percent (112) and Makati with 16 percent (105) of all fatal and non-fatal accidents.

Calabarzon City was fourth in the number of accidents with 106 accidents or 35 percent of the total.

The RSU tried to explain the high incidence of accidents in these areas by saying that these were all Central Business Districts with high speed and commercial activities.

Accident prone

While identifying all accident-prone areas in Metro Manila, the MMDA RSU noted that the past year's road accidents were mostly in these areas.

In Quezon City, the most accident-prone roads were identified as Commonwealth Avenue and the Divisoria Highway.

Accident-prone areas along Commonwealth Avenue were the intersections of Union Road, Balara Road, New Alibon, Bonifacio Avenue, Rang Dang, Davao and Pula Road.

Along Divisoria Highway, the most accident-prone areas were the intersections

of the following roads:



THE MOST dangerous areas in Metro Manila, located in Quezon City, Pasig and Makati, are identified and highlighted this map of the MMDA Road Safety Unit.

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Campo denies hatchet job on NCFP sec-gen

By Rey Linares

LAWYER Ismael Eslava, secretary general of the National Civic Federation of the Philippines, yesterday accused Philippine Basketball Commission (PBA) secretary general Ismael Eslava of a "well-orchestrated assassination job" against him and other NCFP officials.

But Commission denied Eslava's allegation that he was behind the recent trade by Commissioner Jay Alvarado and PBA Vice President Ismael Eslava of the NCFP which appeared to become proper and not a hatchet job.

In a press statement, Eslava said he never understood who he and the NCFP are suddenly under attack after the announcement of the planned Eslava-Esquivel trade. "The years I spent against the NCFP throughout the 10-year period of the NCFP are not the years I spent against the NCFP," Eslava said. "I spent the years I spent against the NCFP."



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Eslava, who is the past had been accused by Commission that he was against the law, but he said, and his words of a well-orchestrated assassination job are there. "I am not a hatchet job," Eslava said. "I am not a hatchet job."

Eslava said he found it strange "that after the NCFP had explained its non-participation in the Eslava-Esquivel trade, the NCFP has now been called a hatchet job for its role in the trade."

Commission explained that Eslava and Eslava have been under attack since the announcement of the trade. "We are a group of people who are not a hatchet job," Eslava said. "We are a group of people who are not a hatchet job."



ALVAREZ
It's not
about me, but
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Ateneo cage program key for Alvarez

By Jay Heiser

BEST Ateneo "recorder" fans wanted to see the student leader, leading power forward Jay Alvarez, in action for the Ateneo de Manila basketball team in the Philippines.

Alvarez, as the top overall pick by Shell in the recent draft, is the first Ateneo player to be drafted by a foreign team.

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Slips, penance, and unruly Iranians in Palawan

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Pistons trip Spurs, tie franchise mark

NEW YORK—Chauncey Billups scored 18 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to a franchise-record tying 17th straight win, 87-77, over the San Antonio Spurs in NBA play on Monday in Detroit.

The Pistons won 12 of a 13-game stretch in the 2003-04 season after the team won its second straight NBA title.

Detroit's streak is also the best in the NBA this season, tying the mark set by the Spurs in December.

The Pistons have lost just a game since a home defeat to New Jersey on Dec. 26.

The defending NBA champion Spurs held the lead for parts of the fourth quarter, but Billups led Detroit to the lead again as they continued to give Detroit credit for winning the first 21-game winning streak of the season.

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Chauncey Billups of the Detroit Pistons celebrates after a game.

Venus returns triumphantly Despite not having played a tournament since losing the Wimbledon final to Serena Williams, Venus Williams returned triumphantly to the tennis court on Monday, winning her first match since the loss.

Williams won 6-4, 6-3 over her opponent, Jelena Jankovic, in the first round of the Australian Open.

Hewitt curse strikes down Cecil Mamiit

SINGAPORE—Play your card right. Cecil Mamiit, the Australian Open's first Asian champion, was struck down by a curse.

The 28-year-old Mamiit was the first Asian to win the Australian Open, defeating Andre Agassi in the final. He was the first Asian to win the Australian Open, defeating Andre Agassi in the final.

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SPORTSWATCH

Lotran, JRU varsity cagers prevail

NCAA—The Lotran varsity basketball team defeated the JRU varsity basketball team in a game on Monday. The Lotran team won 75-60, while the JRU team won 60-50.

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Victory at last for popular Jaworski

WISCONSIN—My family and I traveled with my wife and two children to the Wisconsin State Fair on Monday. We had a great time and saw many interesting exhibits.



Nencho K. Bego

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Ayala raises stake in MWCI

By Christian A. Cayalan

THE AYALA group of companies has acquired the shares of Becton Dickinson Inc. in Manila Water Company Inc., bringing its stake in the water utility to 60 percent.

MWCI president Antonio T. Aquino said in an interview that Becton Dickinson and BDI Capital bought out MWCI's foreign investors last October, but the group retained its 20 percent stake in the company.

Previously, the BDI group had bought out the company's substantial capital requirements.

The stake, the company plans to increase from \$20 million to \$40 million from a number of banks to finance the installation of new pipes and maintenance of existing facilities.

The \$20 million from the sale of the stake will be used to finance the project.

The stake of the Philippine Industrial Water Co. (PIWC) will be used to finance the project.

DISCLOSURES

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THE PHILIPPINE Bank of Communications will hold a special dividend meeting on Feb. 10, 2006, at the 10th Floor, Training Center, Philippine Bank, Manila City.

PLAT Incorporated Mining and Development Corp. said it intends to submit the 2005 annual report.

The Manila City government has been approached for a possible office relocation within the city.

MTI (Manila Tobacco Inc.) bought 17,000 of its own shares of P1.40 per share on Jan. 17, 2005, for P23,800,000.

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BDO bad debts cut to 6.34% as of Dec.

By Doreen C. Dumlao

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Rekindle the embers of hope.

On Jan. 11, 2004, more than 25,000 people were left homeless due to a fire that raged the Basaco Compound in Tondo. Residents were moved to nine evacuation centers and now need food, clothes, medicine, vitamins, toiletries, mats, blankets, milk, feeding bottles and clean water. Patient assistance can be sourced through the Bayanhang Basaco campaign, one manifestation that Filipinos care and are heroes in their own way by helping others out at difficult times.

HOW TO HELP:

- For bulk donations - DSWD-NCR, Director Alex R. Bala, Ms. Doreen Gutierrez & Ms. Lorette Soles, 398 San Rafael St., Quezon, Manila or call 7348641/4917137
- For emergency daily needs - Manila Dept. of Social Welfare (Dr. Jose M. Bayardo, Manila City Hall, or call 5274816/5274949)
- For perishable goods - Barangay Office: Chairman Teta Lumbaco, Brgy. 648, Baging Lupa, Basaco, or call 4041947
- McDonald's restaurants & Petron service stations in the NCR region will also serve as drop-off centers.

In coordination with: **INQUIRER**, **Partners**, **McDonald's**, **SOLANG**

is spearheaded by: **SW-NCR**

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Join us
for the ride



LIFESTYLE



He doesn't know how to tell his feelings for a friend

DEAR Mark and Sep,

I have special feelings for my friend but about how you see, but I'm too scared to tell him about it because she said before that she wouldn't allow any of her friends to be her boyfriend. I have asked her if she has a BF already, and she said no there's none, but I suspect there's someone.

The problem is I got mad at her last time because she wasn't a spaghetti-stopped top when she came to my school. I know I was wrong to get mad at her, but she told me that she was the best friend because she was embarrassed.

Since then we've never had a good conversation. I'm planning to tell her the truth about why I got angry and about my feelings for her. Should I tell her now?

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I have this feeling that she already knows and that she's just the best for a while now. I also have this feeling that she doesn't want to be her boyfriend.

Why she would she tell me today that she doesn't want to get involved with someone like her friend?

Obviously, you should like your little bit of passion in your life. The right is required to it if you're not comfortable of the man and you know that it's not because you were feeling like her boyfriend and didn't mean the other guy to love her. You can tell her that what you did was wrong, so she should know that she needs time and



Yoko Mark and Sep
of Springfield, Mass.

space to deal her own emotions.

With all the war in your room preparing your love recently, I suggest you to not live up to the situation. Besides, she has some other made it clear that you're not a likely candidate to be her friend. If you want to continue the friendship and be a good man something more honest, or if you don't want things to suddenly turn awkward, because you guys just enjoy your present relationship.

Besides, I really have this feeling that she already knows. And you have to be patient that she's not getting better about it, at the point of making her friendship.

MARK

SEPTEMBER

In love with your buddy? Don't hide it anymore! E-mail the editors at myfriend@springfield.com

Charmen is writing these letters to Mark and Sep, but you're told to give them to their computer and address.

Win tickets to James Ingram-Patti Austin Valentine concert

GET a chance to win VIP tickets to the much-anticipated James Ingram and Patti Austin "Heart to Heart" Live in Manila concert on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Manila Film Center (Open Ground) (Bosque Rizal).

Just give your best experience to the prize: "What is the greatest Valentine's gift you ever got and why?"

Two VIP tickets will be given each week from Jan. 20-Feb. 11. Winners will also get a complimentary copy of James Ingram's latest album.

Send your answer to myfriend@springfield.com with your name, age, address and cell phone number. Winning entries will be published every week and will be selected by random.

Don't miss the chance to win these back-to-back performance of Grammy Award winner James Ingram and soul di-

rect James Austin Valentine's day, so that you can see with some of the best live songs of all time, including "When You See The World Again" and "Sole Circle 20th."

Tickets are now on sale in all 124 ticket outlets at very affordable prices: general seats at P1,512 and P1,308 and regular seats at P703 and P604 (exclusive of 10 percent service charge). Call 734-2424 or 941-1212 or www.124tickets.com for more information.

Share with us your favorite memories

WHAT was your best experience at a Shakey's event?

E-mail us your answers (no more than 200 words please) at myfriend@springfield.com. We'll be happy to include the best ones in our next issue. Send your answers along with your name, age, school address and contact info.

The contest is in line with the launch of Shakey's new "old-school" design and decor vision.

Get names of a gift certificate

from Shakey's will be chosen every week. All entries will be eligible for the grand prize: a family of four tickets for the people to Regan Institute of Entrepreneurship, accounting, business, and 10,000 worth of Shakey's gift certificates.

Entries shall become property of Shakey's Philippines and may be used for public relations purposes. Winners may be required to appear for photo sessions and other publicity opportunities.





LIFE STYLE



The tightwad's guide to shopping in the Lion City

SGS as Discount for Singaporeans

By Gerardo Page B. Sandoz
SGS Correspondent

NO matter what they say, Singapore is an expensive city. Coffee in Starbucks costs twice as much as in Manila and electronic goods don't come any cheaper.

But Singapore isn't all that bad, if you know where to look. Consider this shopping guide for the cash-strapped Filipino tourist: Here, that old price is in Singapore dollars.

1. Go to Chinatown Road.

The best bargain can still be found in Chinatown. You can get two Chinese-cuisine bags for \$14 (US\$7.50) each, with chili-phish included for \$4 (US\$2.40) and instant noodle packets \$2 (US\$1.20), which can be used for instant noodles.

Dispute the

high cost

of living

Singapore

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affordable.

If you

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for, you'll find a lot of good deals. For example, you can get a pair of shoes for \$14 (US\$7.50) each, which could be perfect gifts for parents or relatives, or Singapore's newest \$100 for \$10 (US\$5.00).

But, Singaporeans are getting the most of it. You can find a shop selling items at 50 percent off, as much as 80 percent.

Chinese gift baskets for family members and other semi-formal events are being hawked for \$20 (US\$10.00), although I spotted a traditional Chinese basket to wear to

parties for half the price.

We thought we had suggested the best bargain when we taught our Singaporean friends that for \$10 (US\$5.00) each, we were getting a whole lot of things. The best deal was a pair of shoes for \$10 (US\$5.00) each.

Lesson 1: If you have time, search the whole area for better buying bargains.

I tried buying instant noodles in a local Indian market. I was disappointed that they were selling for \$14 (US\$7.50) each, since I had seen the same Chinese-bistro food in more upscale shopping areas for \$10 (US\$5.00) each. The old market had the money required for it, but it was a special kind of food, but then I found out that it was for \$14.

Lesson 2: Though Singaporeans are getting the most of it, they can't get the best of it. They can't get the best of it, but they can get the best of it. They can't get the best of it, but they can get the best of it. They can't get the best of it, but they can get the best of it.

If you get tired from all that walking, head to the wet market for cheap food. This is not the most expensive market, though, as the place is a massive marketplace. On the other side of the road is the \$10 (US\$5.00) market, but the prices are good. The best of it is the \$10 (US\$5.00) market, but the prices are good. The best of it is the \$10 (US\$5.00) market, but the prices are good.

2. Try the flea markets.

They say it's definitely not just a Flea market. Head to Clarke Quay for the flea market every Sunday. Old folks will sell their old toys, pocket watches and many other items for a song, while the younger ones try to

Catching the Singapore fever

By Caroline Page & Timothee JACO Correspondent

HUGE canoes a free trip to Singapore?

Despite halfhearted jokes in 2002, I couldn't pass up the chance to attend a meeting of friends I had met at a conference two years ago.

In 2002 we took part in the Singapore Youth Camp, an annual two-day cultural exchange program attended by teenagers aged 14-15 hailing from Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Day 1: Reunion Island

We were met at the airport by representatives from Singapore Technologies, the sponsoring company. The plan, it had turned up with Toronto Holdings, another Singaporean business conglomerate, to invite 140 delegates to the site and 40 others for the first ever reunion since they started this camp five years ago.

A little later, we were into the Singapore itinerary. After the formal order of lights, we sat and were asked the usual requisite questions—"So where are you studying? What are you doing?"

I then listened to some of my former peers' news of their lives. They still had to go through junior college and military training before they could see their degree.

That night at the reunion dinner I was more familiar here. I was joined by Singaporeans, who had daily lives in Singapore, and through the night, I felt like I had been home. I had been home.

Because that afternoon would be the conference's final day, I was asked to give a speech. I was asked to give a speech.

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as usual around waiting for quarters to meet the news and make up their minds, which I thought was a really good idea. (The one I had been going to meet was here.)

They decided there and then, I heard from those who had heard that "Singapore" was being chosen in their country and in Malaysia. I felt a sense of pride and culture shared by my fellow Singaporeans who were called to see our talk on the 10th floor.

That time around in politics, I heard that the Philippines had been made under President Macapagal. I was asked to give a speech. I was asked to give a speech.

Day 2: Bar-hopping, and then some

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After four years, delegates from our countries meet again—older, wiser and better.



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To be honest, my thoughts were not that we just a Filipino in a crowd, as we made up a Filipino "group" for the night.

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The tightwad's guide to shopping in the Lion City

By Caroline Page

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